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AND SIMILAR AILMENTS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to  
the following documents:

Foreign Patent Documents

Japan	09316701	12-09-1997
Japan	09220253	08-26-1997
France	2468319	05-08-1981

Non-Patent Literature Document

ROSENBERG, M.D., IRVING "The Dilemma of Pilonidal Disease: Reverse Bandaging for Cure of the Reluctant Pilonidal Wound" Dis. Col. & Rect., Vol. 20 Number 4, May 1977

The Foreign Patent Documents listed above were cited by applicant in the parent application, now U.S. Patent No. 6,712,841, issued March 30, 2004 and in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this case on October 28, 2003 ("the October 28, 2003 IDS"). However, the Examiner crossed out the citations to the Foreign Patent Documents on the Form PTO-1449 enclosed with the October 28, 2003 IDS. Although applicant is only required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) to provide a copy of the Non-Patent Document, applicant has enclosed herewith a copy of each Foreign Patent Document and the Non-Patent Document.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to  
this patent application is respectfully requested.

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